

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 541
By Hargrove

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. Leslie L. Roberts on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who, in their years of work, have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Leslie L. Roberts is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for twenty-one years as the Principal of Capshaw Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Roberts will be taking a much deserved retirement this year, and in her honor, an area in the Capshaw Elementary School will be named "Roberts Center for Art and Literacy"; and

WHEREAS, during her illustrious tenure as the Principal of Capshaw Elementary School, Dr. Roberts has implemented many worthy programs to promote art and literacy in the school and community, including "Love to Read Night" and Celebrations of Learning, which recognized students for reading success and academic excellence; she further encouraged her students to participate in reading programs such as Reading Olympics, the Nashville Sounds Reading Program, and BookIt; and

WHEREAS, unlike a typical elementary school administrator, Dr. Leslie Roberts has devoted much of her workweek to hands-on classroom teaching, often leaving her office to go into classrooms and read aloud to students; moreover, it is not uncommon for Dr. Roberts to come in early several days a week to personally tutor students who are having problems with reading and comprehension; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable professional was instrumental in conserving and taking large oak trees cut down for school purposes to local artist Brad Sells to create sculptures that

currently hang in the Capshaw Elementary School entrance stairwell. She encourages students to take field trips to the Frist Museum to be exposed to master artists; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Leslie Roberts exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, she is most thankful for the loving companionship she shares with her husband, Dr. Larry Roberts, and her three sons Jeffery, David, and Daniel; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Roberts is an active and devout member of Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Cookeville, Tennessee, where she and her family have served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Dr. Leslie Roberts has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend Dr. Leslie L. Roberts for her meritorious twenty-one-year tenure as Principal of Capshaw Elementary School, commend her endeavors to promote art and literacy in the classroom, and extend to her our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.